

For tubs, and baths <sup>1</sup>; bring down  
rose-cheeked  
youth <sup>2</sup>To the tub-  
fast, and the diet<sup>3</sup>..

<sup>1</sup> Be a whore still! they love thee not, that use thee  
; Give them diseases, leaving with thee their lust.  
Make use of thy salt hours: &c.] There is  
here a slight transposition. I would read :  
«•---they love thee not that use  
thee.

" Leaving with thee their lust; give them  
diseases, <sup>66</sup> Make use of thy salt hours,  
season the slaves

" For tubs, and baths ; " JOHNSON.

i — bring down ROSE-CHEEKED youth ^-] This  
expressive epithet our author might have found  
in Marlowe's Hero and Leander:

" *Rose-cheefcd* Adonis kept a solemn feast." MALONE. 3 — To the TUB-FAST, and the diet.] [Old copy—fub-fa\$.~] One might make a very long and vain search, yet not be able to meet with this preposterous word *fab-fast*, which has notwithstanding passed current with all the editors. We should read— tub-fast. The author is alluding to the lues venerea and its effects. At that time the cure of it was performed either by guai-acum, or mercurial unctions : and in both cases the patient was kept up very warm and close; that in the first application the sweat might be promoted ; and lest, in the other, he should take cold, which was fatal. <sup>66</sup> The regimen for the course of guaiacum (says Dr. Friend, in his History of Physick<sup>5</sup> vol. ii. p. 380,) was at first strangely circumstantial; and so rigorous, that the patient was put into a dungeon in order to make him sweat; and in that manner, as Fallopius expresses it, the bones, and the very man himself was macerated." Wiseman says, in England they used a *tub* for this purpose, as abroad, a cave, or oven, or dungeon. And as for the unction, it was sometimes continued for thirty-seven days, (as he observes, p. 375,) and during this time there was necessarily an extraordinary *abstinence* required. Hence the term of the *tub-fast*. WARBURTON.

So, in Jasper Maine's City Match, 1639 : " You had better match a ruin'd bawd, \*<sup>e</sup> One ten times cur'd by sweating, and the *tub*.<sup>19</sup> Again, in The Family of Love, 1608, a doctor says ; " — O for one of the hoops of my Cornelius<sup>7</sup> *tub*, I shall burst myself with laughing else." Again, in Monsieur D'Olive, 1606: " Our em-bassage is into France, there may be employment for thee : Hast thou a *tub* ? "

*The diet* was likewise a customary term for the regimen pre-2 B 2